Mr. Ramaswamy.—

Cannot the funds of one temple be diverted to another?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Is the provision indicated in the budget sufficient for all Muzrai temples in the State?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible to make a larger provision.

MESSRS. SORAPPA (Sira Taluk) and ESOOF KHAN SAB (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) The amount sanctioned by Government for the year 1928-29 on account of restoration and repairs of tanks in the State?

(*b*) The amount spent till now?

(*c*) In respect of how many works correspondence is going on between the officers of Revenue and Public Works Departments and which are they?

(*d*) How many tanks have been restored in recent years and how many are in progress ? and

(*e*) In respect of how many tanks projects have been prepared and what is their estimated amount ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—14. (*a*) Restoration .. Rs. 8,03,000.
Repairs .. Rs. 3,89,800.

(*b*) Rs. 5,99,319 to end of March 1929.

(*c*) 159. (*Vide* statement, Appendix IX.)

(*d*) 168 restored
356 in progress } since 1926-27.

(*e*) 311 tanks. Rs. 87,80,000.

MESSRS. B. S. PUTTASWAMY (T.-Narsipur Taluk), M. C. LINGE GOWDA and S. C. MALLIAH (Mandya Taluk), PATEL LINGE GOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk), K. V.

VEERANNA (Chamarajanagar Taluk), CHIKKE GOWDA (Malavalli Taluk), LINGE GOWDA (Heggadadevankote Taluk), CHIKKEGOWDA *alias* ANNE GOWDA (Mandya Taluk), B. CHENNAPPA (Yedatore Taluk), H. C. DASAPPA (Special Interest), T. S. ALIKHAN (Minority Interest), V. BANDIYA (Nanjangud Taluk), H. C. RAYAPPA (Minority Interest), PUTTANANJIAH (Malavalli Taluk), THIMMEGOWDA *alias* THAMMAYYAGOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk), Dharmaprakasa D. BANUMIAH (Special Interest), SANGANA BASAPPA (Chamarajanagar Municipality).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many persons were appointed every year for the last five years to the Amildari and Deputy Amildari services by promotion? Castewar particulars may be given.

(*b*) How many are in direct charge of taluks? and

(*c*) What is the percentage of non-Brahmins in this service in the respective years?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—20. (*a*) *Vide* statement appended. (Appendix X.)

(*b*) 71 are in direct charge of Taluks and 6 of Sub-Taluks.

(*c*) 1st July 1925—22·4 per cent.
1st July 1926—27·6 ,,
1st July 1927—33 ,,
1st July 1929—40 ,,
In 1929—41·7 ,,

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Is there any principle followed in making appointments to the Amildari and Deputy Amildari from the subordinate ranks?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no fixed principle.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Have you maintained a list of persons eligible for promotion to Amildari and Deputy Amildari?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no list for promotion. But there is one of candidates eligible for appointment as Amildars or Deputy Amildars.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Do you take into consideration the case of non-Brahmins while making appointments?

Second Member of Council.—

As far as possible.

Revenue Commissioner.—

They are shown special preference.

Mr. Dasappa.—

If that is so, why should there be such a low percentage of non-Brahmins in this branch of the service?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Perhaps, qualified candidates are not available.

Mr. Dasappa —

Don't you think that a selection committee is necessary?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Not necessary.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Then who is to recommend?

Second Member of Council.—

It is the Revenue Commissioner.

Mr. Dasappa —

Who is the appointing body?

Second Member of Council.—

It is the Government.

Mr. Dasappa.—

While making the appointments, do Government bear in mind the need for increasing the percentage of non-Brahmins in the Amildari service?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Dasappa.—

If so, what is the reason for the present low percentage?

Second Member of Council.—

There must be a special reason. Every appointment cannot be made solely on the basis of proportionate representation.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Even if there are qualified men available?

Second Member of Council.—

If such men are available certainly their cases would be considered.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Is any preference shown to non-Brahmins who are in the eligible list?

Second Member of Council.—

It is followed in order.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Is the list arranged in the order of communities?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Then, is it justifiable that Government should give appointments to one community only?

Second Member of Council.—

Government are not doing that.

Mr. Dasappa.—

At least will the Government be pleased to avoid such injustice?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no such thing as injustice.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Has any case of such injustice ever come to the notice of Government?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not a proper question to ask.

Mr. Dasappa.—

In Appendix X under 1925-26 it is mentioned that out of 7 appointments not a single non-Brahmin was appointed. Is it that not a single non-Brahmin's name was in the list?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Will it be possible for Government at least in future to show preference to non-Brahmins with a view to increase their percentage?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot show any preference. It is not possible to overlook the claims of officials who have put in longer service and are otherwise more eligible. We are already showing non-Brahmin candidates many concessions by reducing the qualifications prescribed.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Where is the difficulty to appoint a selection committee to make or recommend appointments to the Amildari and Deputy Amildari?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not desirable.

Mr. Dasappa.—

At this rate it will never be possible to reach the necessary proportion.

Second Member of Council.—

The list is revised year after year. As larger number of qualified non-Brahmin candidates become available, their names will be added to the list.

Mr. Dasappa.—

Will it be possible for Government to furnish that list for the information of the members?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Considering that the majority of the posts have so far gone to one community only, will it not be possible for Government to eliminate that community in favour of other communities?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not possible to leave them out entirely.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Is it not fair that each community should be given equal chances?

Second Member of Council.—

There are many other considerations also to be taken into account. It is not possible to rule out the claims of any particular community in the manner suggested. When direct recruitment is made to any particular branch of the service, members of the non-Brahmin communities have been invariably preferred.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

I agree with the policy of drafting qualified officials from the subordinate ranks to the Amildari and Deputy Amildari. From the information furnished it will be seen that during the four years *viz.*, 1924-25, 26-27, 27-28 and 28-29 only 30 non-Brahmins have been appointed as Amildars against 50 Brahmins. Will it not be possible to increase the percentage of the former in the coming years by direct recruitment?

Second Member of Council.—

The question of direct recruitment does not arise out of the present debate.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Can you not fix one-third for Brahmins and two-thirds for non-Brahmins?

Second Member of Council.—

It cannot be done.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If so, do not the Government think that the proportion of non-Brahmins will not be increased as rapidly as can be desired?

Second Member of Council.—

Government do not think so. Whatever is possible is being done now.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

May I know why the Amildari list is treated as confidential?

Second Member of Council.—

It is treated as such in the interest of Government work. Because if an official comes to know that his name has been included in the list he might think that he has achieved his object and that his promotion to Amildari comes in the usual course and it is just possible that he may not continue to work with zeal and industry as before.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Has not Government accepted the principle of increasing the percentage of non-Brahmins in the different departments?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Are they now adequately represented?

Second Member of Council.—

As far as possible. But that matter doesn't arise here.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

In how many years will the prescribed percentage be reached at this rate? For instance, there are very few Vokkaligars in that service.

Second Member of Council.—

At present there are not many in the subordinate service who can be promoted. As they join the lower service in larger numbers, there will be scope for larger promotions later.

REPRESENTATIONS—(*contd.*)

No. 11.—Appointment of a committee to investigate and suggest measures for the improvement of Devadaya Inams

Messrs. N. Chennabasappa and Patte Basappa, Molakalmuru Taluk.

MESSRS. CHENNABASAPPA and PATTE BASAPPA, represented that a committee consisting of the Amildar of the taluk and four non-official members might be appointed in each taluk to investigate and suggest measures for the improvement of the Devadaya inam lands in all the villages in the State since the present state of affairs in certain places such as Maralahalli in Molakalmuru Taluk, etc., was anything but satisfatory.

The main complaint of the movers was that the lands given for Devadaya were being alienated and that they did not become available for the purposes for which they were originally given.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that a systematic enquiry into alienation or misuse of Devadaya Inams had been undertaken and the Dharmadarsis of the temples concerned might help by bringing to notice cases requiring examination.

MR. CHENNAPPA said that many temples had no Dharmadarsis.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that wherever required arrangement would be made to appoint them.

Many members represented that many institutions in inam villages had no Dharmadarsis.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that general instructions would be issued for the appointment of Dharmadarsis wherever required.

No. 12.—Regulating the disposal of Takarar Takhtas.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda, Hiriyur Taluk.

MR. B. LINGE GOWDA represented that there was at present undue delay in the disposal of Takarar Takhtas and requested that their disposal might be regulated in future as follows:—

(1) That Takarar Takhtas might be ordered to be